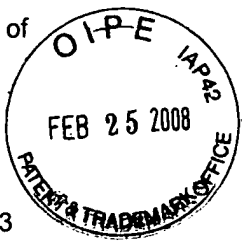


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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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Total effective claims after amendment **19** minus highest number
previously paid for **20** (at least 20) = 0 x \$50.00 \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00 (2202) \$

Independent claims after amendment **3** minus highest number
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\$370.00 (1203)/\$185.00 (2203) \$

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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INFORMAL OR NON-RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Informal or Non-Responsive Amendment, Applicant provides the following comments regarding support in the specification for the amendments to the claims and for the new claims presented in the Amendment filed November 6, 2007. This response is filed prior to the period for response set in the Notice.

With respect to independent claim 1, this claim was amended to remove the "means-plus-function" language; address minor grammatical errors and use more common English-language terms (e.g., those kindly suggested by the Examiner on page 2 of the 7/6/2007 office action); and otherwise improve the form of the claim (e.g., changing "when it has been discriminated by the status discrimination means ..." to "when the status discriminator discriminates ...").

Support for the amendments to claim 1 can be found in original claim 1 itself and throughout the specification. By way of illustration, and without limitation, the claimed status setting device finds support in the example status setting unit 21 shown in Figure 2 and described at page 19, lines 6-9; the claimed status discriminator finds support in the example status discrimination unit 22 shown in Figure 2 and described at page 19, lines 9-11; the claimed incoming call detector finds support in the example incoming-call detection unit 23 shown in Figure 2 and described at page 19, lines 12-13; the claimed notification device finds support in the example notification unit 24 shown in Figure 2 and described at page 19, lines 13-16; and the

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claimed controller finds support in the example master control unit 11 shown in Figure 2.

Example incoming call operations are shown in Figure 4 and described in the corresponding description beginning on page 29.

The amendments to claims 2-8 and 11 are for conforming to amended claim 1 and to correct minor informalities.

With respect to new claim 12, the controller operations described therein find support in the Figure 4 operations. Specifically, the controller operations relating to a call holding status on one of the communication lines are based on the portion of Figure 4 corresponding to "establishment of holding status" and the related description in the specification. The controller operations relating to an on-call status on one of the communication lines are based on the portion of Figure 4 corresponding to "establishment of talk" and the related description in the specification. Dependent claims 13-16 set forth additional aspects of the operations for incoming calls. Claims 14-16, for example, involve features of master and slave telephone sets which find support in Figures 4, 7 and 8 and the related descriptions.

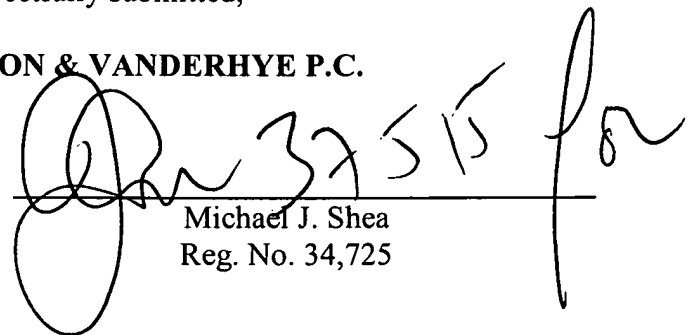
With respect to new claims 17-19, the master and slave telephone set operations recited therein find support in Figures 4, 7, 8 and the related descriptions.

For the reasons set forth in the November 6, 2007 response, the pending claims are believed to patentably distinguish over the applied art and favorable office action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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